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Dear Dr. Ravitz,

Thank you for your invitation to participate in your AERA Research Conference Grant Proposal for a PBL in K-12 Research Conference. I have read your proposal and believe it is timely and exciting and will bring together many of the leading names in PBL research and practice in the field.

I will be pleased to discuss the UTeach Natural Sciences Program which has a Project Based Instruction course as one of the 3 primary courses all students take from the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. In addition, I plan on speaking about replication efforts for UTeach PBI at over 30 universities and colleges from around the country.

In the course, students aim to master new technologies for problem-based investigations in math and science classrooms, teaching project-based lessons to middle school students. Students also discuss the use of assessment to improve student learning. The field component includes 2 observation days and 3 teaching days.

I will also be more than happy to discuss research findings from ongoing research I have been conducting on the longitudinal aspects of student teachers as they transition to school based setting.

Sincerely,

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